

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 27 – HB 23**

January 22, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires a governing body to make agendas of upcoming meetings and supplemental meeting documents (SMDs) available to the public, at no charge, in a public place at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Provides that if SMDs are not available to governing body members 48 hours prior to the meeting, then the governing body shall make the documents publicly accessible when the documents are given to the members. Establishes that a governing body may publish its agenda and SMDs on its website to fulfill these requirements.

Requires a governing body to provide copies of agendas and SMDs, at no charge, to a citizen who requests copies and to have a reasonable number of copies available at the meeting.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Requiring a governing body to make agendas and SMDs available in a public place, at no charge, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or whenever the governing body members receive such documents is not estimated to result in any significant fiscal impact to state or local government.
- It is assumed that most governing bodies will elect to fulfill this requirement by publishing agendas and SMDs to the body's website, resulting in no fiscal impact to state or local government.
- It is not known how many citizens will request copies of agendas and supplemental meeting documents, but it can be reasonably assumed that governing bodies will be able to accommodate this requirement utilizing existing staff and resources, resulting in no significant fiscal impact to state or local government.
- The proposed legislation does not define what constitutes "a reasonable number of copies" which must be made available at a meeting; for the purpose of this analysis it is assumed that each governing body will make five copies of agendas and SMDs available at a meeting. Governing bodies will utilize existing staff and resources to provide these copies; therefore, any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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